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Joker Gaida, attendant for the Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink at PotashCorp Plaza, goes by himself for a whirl there on Thursday evening — bundled up against the December chill, which might have kept many others away. JACOB MORGAN/METRO

Man gets 9 years for stabbing retired Mountie

Found guilty of attempted murder.
Ryan Dalton Kelly Bear attacked ex-officer who had offered to help fix his tire near Outlook

A man convicted of trying to kill a retired RCMP officer in Saskatchewan has been sentenced to nine years in prison.

Ryan Dalton Kelly Bear of the Dakota Whitecap First Nation stabbed Robert Laidlaw at a landing development north of Outlook in May 2012.

Laidlaw had stopped to see if Bear needed help with a flat tire and started asking questions when he suspected Bear's vehicle may have been stolen.

Court heard at Bear's trial that he became angry, threatened to slit Laidlaw's throat and stabbed him twice near the heart and lungs.

The defence told Bear's sentencing hearing that he needed the knife because of the violence he has seen in his life.

Last month, the Crown suggested that Bear's anger issues should be a factor in his sentencing, while the defence argued that the attack was unplanned and Bear feels terrible about what happened.

Crown prosecutor Bryce Pashovitz pointed to a presentence and psychological report which said Bear is easily agitated and often acts impulsively. Court heard he had been angry with family members before the stabbing and always carried a knife for protection after one of his relatives was attacked.

Defence lawyer Darren Winegarden pointed out that Bear had no criminal record and admitted to his involvement early in the case. The lawyer also suggested that, despite the verdict, Bear did not have premeditated intent to kill.

He said Bear often smoked marijuana to deal with his anger issues and that he had heard voices during the attack telling him to stab Laidlaw. That wasn't revealed during the trial because it took Bear some time to come to that realization, said Winegarden.

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Aftermath

Laidlaw, who did not provide a victim impact statement, told the author of the pre-sentence report that the injuries he sustained are a daily annoyance and he's "lucky the damage was not worse."

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Surgery wait times longer in Regina Qu'Apelle region

Health care. As wait times go down across the province, cities face unique hurdles

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Ron Epp, director of the Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative, said on Thursday that by March, the goal is to have all health regions in the province offer surgery to patients within three months from the date they are booked.

"I don't think that has been done anywhere else in Canada," Epp told Metro.

But the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region, he said, won't hit that mark until close to 2015.

Just 68 per cent of surgeries there are currently performed in the three-month target, as opposed to the provincial average of 79 per cent.

"They've had some operational challenges," said Epp. "Specifically, they've seen a significant increase in demand for orthopedic surgeries, and also had challenges in staffing (operating room) nurses."

Val Hunko, vice-president of integrated health services at Regina Qu'Appelle, said an action plan was launched in May 2012 to confront these issues.

The region has overcome the nursing shortage with help from outside agencies, she said, and is working to increase retention rates by taking recommendations from staff.

"When you work in an operating room, you work in a team environment," Hunko said.

Meanwhile, Jenny Bartsch, director for surgical services with the Saskatoon Health Region, said the organization had about 800 more surgeries this year than expected.

"It's very likely due to population increase," said Bartsch.

Bartsch said they probably aren't going to be able to achieve the Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative requirement in Saskatoon until "further along in 2014."

Saskatoon City Hospital houses the corporate office for the Saskatoon Health Region. The organization was hit with about 800 more surgical patients than anticipated this year. JACOB MORGAN/METRO

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Winter flows

Danger lurks under thin ice across province

The public is being warned by the provincial Water Security Agency that winter river flows can lead to dangerous thin ice and unsafe crossing conditions across Saskatchewan.

Winter flows result in water actively running beneath thin ice lakes and rivers.

People are tasked with calling their local municipalities to ensure that ice over bodies of water is safe for crossing or winter activities. METRO

Hospital safety

Audit launched after toddler stuck hand in used needles bin

Saskatchewan's health minister says health regions across the province have taken steps to make sure containers with used needles are secure after a toddler put her hands into a hazardous-waste bucket in the emergency room at the hospital in Outlook, south of Saskatoon.

Dustin Duncan asked the regions to do an audit in November to make sure all facilities are following the rules for proper disposal. He said the fact that action was taken suggests used needle containers were in the wrong spots, perhaps for convenience.

The little girl had to get Hepatitis B shots and drugs to prevent infections, such as HIV. She will also undergo regular blood tests for several months to determine if she has caught anything. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Judge deems convicted torturer Paxton a dangerous offender

Alberta Crown prosecutor Joe Mercier speaks to reporters in Calgary on Thursday, reacting to a judge declaring convicted torturer Dustin Paxton a dangerous offender. BILL GRAVELAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Court. Crown prosecutor Joe Mercier said Thursday that the important thing is the public is safe

An Alberta judge has determined a convicted torturer meets the criteria to be considered a dangerous offender and has handed him an indeterminate prison sentence.

Dustin Paxton slouched in his seat, shook his head and smirked as Justice Sheilah Martin delivered her decision on Thursday in Calgary Court of Queen's Bench.

"I find that Mr. Paxton constitutes a threat to the life, safety or physical or mental well-being of other persons," Martin said. "The protection of the public must figure prominently."

She said the Crown has fully proven Paxton, 33, is a dangerous offender who has shown indifference to his crimes.

The National Parole Board will review Paxton's case seven years from the point he was taken into custody and every two years after that.

Paxton was convicted in February 2012 of aggravated and sexual assault for the prolonged and brutal abuse of a man who was his friend and roommate.

The man was dropped off, near death, at a Regina hospital in April 2010. He was emaciated, battered and bleeding.

The victim delivered an emotional impact statement, describing his life after the abuse, at Paxton's sentencing arguments in October.

He told court he has post-traumatic stress disorder and brain damage from the 18 months he was humiliated, starved, beaten and sexually assaulted on an almost-daily basis while living with Paxton in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

"Before the assaults, I was extremely good-looking and very attractive to women and now I am disfigured," he said. "I have an incurable traumatic brain injury because of the assaults, which I will have for the rest of my life."

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On the ice

More cash for skating facility maintenance

For a second consecutive year, the provincial government has invested nearly $1.6 million in rinks across Saskatchewan.

The funding, which comes from the Community Rink Affordability Grant, has gone toward the upkeep of 520 skating rink facilities in 362 communities, according to a press release.

A total of $2,500 is earmarked for each indoor ice surface.

"The amount of positive feedback the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association has received since first delivering this grant in 2012 is overwhelming," president Mike Powell said in the release.

Powell added that the funding has allowed rink owners to hire caretakers, extend hours and repair and upgrade facilities.

"Every little bit helps when it comes to keeping our indoor skating and curling surfaces up and running," said Dave Bosch, Martensville's director of recreation and community services. METRO

Jobs

EI claims on the decline in Sask.

Saskatchewan saw a 10 per cent drop in employment insurance (EI) claims this past October, compared with the same month last year.

About 600 fewer claims were made in October this year than in October 2012.

The decrease has been the most significant in Canada among the provinces.

"We had the largest reduction in claims in the country, which says a lot about the strength of our economy," Economy Minister Bill Boyd said in a government release.

The drop is much sharper than the national average decline of 1.7 per cent recorded during the same period.

"The job opportunities are out there, and it's helped to drive our economy forward in 2013, and give us optimism for next year," Boyd said. METRO

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Jury rules self-inflicted cell death a homicide

The videotaped choking death of a teenager in her segregation cell six years ago was a homicide, a jury decided on Thursday, sparking calls for police to reopen their criminal investigation into the tragedy.

The Ashley Smith inquest decision drew a gasp from a packed coroner's courtroom, which also heard jurors make 104 recommendations on dealing with self-harming, mentally ill women in federal prisons.

While the homicide decision is not a finding of legal liability, Smith's family lawyer immediately called for police to get involved, and lashed out at Correctional Service Canada.

"It is high time that those in charge are held accountable," Julian Falconer said.

"CSC, in my decades of work in this area, has proven they are an uncontrollable, unaccountable body. It is shameful."

Falconer called for the resignation of CSC Commissioner Don Head, who had warned jurors against making recommendations that would be expensive to implement.

The emotionally disturbed Smith, 19, of Moncton, N.B., strangled herself in her cell at the Grand Valley Institution in Kitchener, Ont., on Oct. 19, 2007.

Guards, under orders from senior management against intervening as long as she was still breathing, waited too long to enter the cell and save her.

The verdict by the five female jurors made it clear they accepted the evidence of front-line guards about the no-entry orders. Several guards and a supervisor were initially charged with criminal negligence in Smith's death — but they were dropped.

"Those who made the order not to go into her cell — the deputy warden, the warden, those above — have yet to be truly investigated or yet to truly answer for their actions," Falconer said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Recommendations

The inquest heard evidence from 83 witnesses over 107 days starting in January about how poorly equipped the prison system was to deal with the mentally ill young woman.

- Among their sweeping recommendations, jurors urged that female inmates with serious mental-health issues or self-harming behaviours should serve time in a specialized treatment facility.
- The focus in dealing with such women, jurors said, should be on therapy, with treatment decisions made by clinicians rather than by security management.
- They also called for a strict segregation regime, with a ban on indefinite solitary confinement.

Ashley Smith's family lawyers Julian Falconer, left, and Julian Roy address the media outside of the coroner's court following the Ashley Smith inquest verdict in Toronto on Thursday. MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"What happened to Ashley should never have happened. The concoctions of her as being violent were false; they were concocted in a way to justify a punitive treatment of her."

Kim Pate, the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies

A woman stands bandaged and wearing a blanket given by emergency services following an incident at the Apollo Theatre on Shaftesbury Avenue in London, England, on Thursday during a performance at the height of the Christmas season, with police saying there were "a number" of casualties. JOEL RYAN, INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dozens injured in theatre collapse

London. An evening performance turned into a disaster as part of the ceiling came crashing down onto audience members

Plaster and dust rained down on a packed audience when the ceiling of a London, England, theatre partially collapsed Thursday night. More than 75 people were injured — seven seriously, authorities said.

The collapse at the Apollo Theatre took place around 8:15 p.m. during a performance of The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night-Time.

Plaster and masonry from a section of the ceiling tumbled down, bringing parts of the theatre's balconies down with it onto the audience, police said.

More than 700 people were in the theatre at the time, said the London Fire Brigade.

Officials said most of the injured were "walking wounded" with upper-body injuries, and that all are conscious.

Police and fire officials said it was too soon to say what had caused the partial collapse of the ceiling, but that a full investigation is being carried out.

"Complete chaos" erupted as the debris rained down, said Martin Bostock, who came with his family to see the show.

"At first, we thought it was part of the show," he told Sky News. "Then I got hit on the head." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Treating the injured

- Theatregoers were treated by dozens of emergency workers in the street outside the Apollo and at a nearby theatre.
- London Ambulance Service said it had treated 76 patients, with 51 taken to hospitals. Seven people suffered "serious injuries" but there were no fatalities and none of the injuries are believed to be life-threatening.
- The fire department reported that all those trapped in the Apollo have been rescued.

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(Source: Charity Intelligence Canada)

Volunteer hours logged

2.07B

The Canada Survey of Giving, Volunteering and Participating said 94 per cent of Canadians aged 15 and up combined to donate $10.6 billion in 2010. Some 13.3 million people gave their time, combining for 2.07 billion hours of volunteer work — about the same as 1.1 million full-time jobs.

How

- Telemarketing is unpopular and door-to-door appeals have declined substantially. Weinberg says volunteer door-knockers are harder to find and residents may not be at home. If they are, they may not answer for fear of a scam. Supermarket checkout appeals and e-giving are among the alternatives.

Quoted

"Non-profit organizations have to be inventive, have to recognize that the way people part with their money is changing."

Prof. Charles Weinberg, of the University of British Columbia's Sauder School of Business

Giving less than Americans

0.64%

The Fraser Institute's 2013 Generosity Index found Canadians donated 0.64 per cent of their aggregate incomes to charity in 2011, half the 1.33 per cent given by United States tax filers.

Social beings

- Social media is a novel platform for charities to spread the word and get noticed in a crowded market; the Movember fundraiser is a case in point. But a UBC-led study, The Nature of Slacktivism, found a Facebook "like" for a certain cause often translated to no donation at all. Giving via text message is also highly convenient, especially for disaster relief appeals. CharityIntelligence.ca and CharityFocus.ca offer quick, easy ways to research charities' financial reports, before using portals like CanadaHelps.org and Chimp.net to contribute.

Women slightly more generous

4%

Women were four per cent more likely to donate money to charities than men. The 15-to-34 age group was less likely to give than baby boomers.

Quoted

"There is far more financial pressure on young people these days than there was historically and in terms of time being squeezed for volunteering."

Prof. Peter Elson, director of the Institute for Nonprofit Studies at Calgary's Mount Royal University

It's one man's gig to give year-round

Spreading the joy. Thousands of toys — up to 75,000 — will be donated to children this holiday season

BOB MACKIN
For Metro in Vancouver

Tonka trucks, hockey sticks, Barbie dolls, soccer balls and remote controlled mini-drones are stacked on shelves of a modest, three-storey Vancouver warehouse — the secret Santa central, if you will.

The Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau, founded in 1930, helps 1,000 families directly and more than 40,000 children and youth around the region get toys, books and clothes for Christmas.

"It means a lot to me," said Angela Woods as she left the bureau's headquarters with Christmas surprises for her son. "If they didn't have this every year, I wouldn't know what to do. They're awesome up there, they are amazing."

It's the season for giving, and a recent Ipsos Reid poll found that 87 per cent of poll respondents said they enjoy feeling good about giving to charity. Only 13 per cent got the "bah, humbugs" over the thought of giving to a charity during the holidays. That means charities like the Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau go from silent to crazy in a very short period.

"The bureau quietly chugs along, collecting toys, disbursing them to other bureaus and shelters, then we open for this three weeks," said executive director Chris Bayliss. "It goes from a quiet, boring, ugly warehouse on the Eastside to often full of volunteers and people, full of fun for a month."

Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau executive director Chris Bayliss in the East Vancouver warehouse, among Okanagan apple bins used for sorting donations. BOB MACKIN/FOR METRO IN VANCOUVER

The Christmas Bureau collects toys at big events throughout fall, from the Greater Vancouver Motorcycle Toy Run to the Vancouver Giants' Teddy Bear Toss to the Pan Pacific Christmas Wish Breakfast, which attracted 15 tonnes of donations on Dec. 11.

"The regional role is changing, as Metro Vancouver grows further afield we get more and more working poor," Bayliss says. "I was brought up my whole life to believe this, we're all two paycheques away from being broke."

In 2001, the Christmas Bureau gave 17,000 donated toys to needy homes. This year, Bayliss estimates some 50,000 to 75,000 toys and books, plus about 5,000 clothes and coats, will put smiles on children's faces.

Bayliss and a part-timer are employed year-round. A dozen workers join for three to 10 weeks in the run-up to Christmas. He estimated volunteers worked 800 person hours on-site last December.

A good way to give

Transparency can aid charities

"Whether you're at the checkout counter, the Salvation Army kettles or when you get the mail, it's almost overwhelming how many 'asks' you get," said Charity Intelligence Canada managing director Kate Bahen.

Bahen's Toronto organization gauges transparency of non-profits and publishes reports on the finances of 500 charities on its website. Bahen said Canadians deserve proof that their donations are spent wisely and make a difference.

"To whom much is given, much is expected," she said.

Charities must "more effectively report what did you do with the money, how did you spend it, who did you work with, what was the social impact?" Bahen said. "How did you help Canada?" METRO

Who

- Canadians who attend a place of worship weekly are more inclined to donate and make larger donations. That's why religious organizations benefitted from $4.26 billion in 2010 donations. The health sector ($1.59 billion) and social services ($1.16 billion) were next in popularity.
- Prof. Charles Weinberg of the University of British Columbia's Sauder School of Business said planned giving takes a backseat to impulse giving at this time of year. "It's the holiday season, you're in a good mood and what about, sadly, people that don't have enough food or kids that don't have toys?"

Total tax filers

24.8M

The number of tax filers in Canada, according to Statistics Canada: 24,841,630.

Dec. 31

- New Year's Eve is the deadline to donate for the 2013 tax year, but tax breaks were cited as the motivator by only 23 per cent in a 2012 Statistics Canada report on giving.
- Compassion for those in need (90 per cent), belief in a cause (86 per cent) and contributing to the community (80 per cent) were the top three reasons.

2019

- Canadian charities will be forced to adapt for future holiday seasons. By 2019, Canada Post will stop delivering mail door-to-door in urban areas.

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford walks by a statue of Santa as he leaves city hall on Dec. 13. Ford is offering husbands tips on what to get their wives for Christmas.
MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ho, ho, hold the presents?

'Tis the season to cash in. Mayor's gift-giving suggestions draw mix of sarcasm, amusement and irritation

Rob Ford's tips to husbands on what to buy their wives for Christmas earned him ridicule and some angry comments Thursday.

Speaking during his weekly appearance on a Washington radio show, Rob Ford said he planned to give his wife "just money."

"Women love money," the mayor said to the hosts of Sports Junkies on 106.7 The Fan. "You give them a couple of thousand bucks and they're happy." Ford added that while he planned to get his wife "some treats on the side," his big gift to her would be "a nice cheque."

"I get a basket and flowers and a little bit of this and that, but at the end of the day she wants her cash," he said. "So I give her a nice cheque and we're all happy."

The mayor's latest comments drew a mix of sarcasm, amusement and irritation from online commenters.

"Rob Ford's understanding/respect for women is astounding," tweeted one woman.

"Dear Rob Ford, some women don't want money as gifts. I for instance, want a PlayStation 4."

"Buy your wife a gift," tweeted another.

Meanwhile, some poked fun at the mayor while referencing some of his other controversial statements.

"Rob Ford ... Christmas gifts are easy to give especially when I'm in a drunken stupor," tweeted one man.

"Women love money and men love crack. A heartwarming insight into Christmas at the Rob Ford household," tweeted another.

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Canadian news to become top priority

Cable and satellite companies will be required to give their consumers the option of subscribing to Sun News Network and every other Canadian news channel, starting next spring.

Thursday's announcement by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission sets a mid-March deadline for cable and satellite companies to offer all Canadian news services either in bundles or a la carte.

"Canadian news services are an important part of our democracy," CRTC chair Jean-Pierre Blais said in a statement. "Canadians, as citizens, will have access to the news services that are of interest to them and will therefore have an opportunity to be exposed to a variety of opinions on matters of public concern."

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Road kill?

Flipped rig spills tons of hams

A truck overturned in metro Atlanta, spilling tons of ham onto an interstate ramp.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports the truck was hauling 40,000 pounds of hams Thursday around 4 a.m. when it overturned, spilling its cargo south of Atlanta.

Authorities were working early Thursday to clear the ramp from Old National Highway to Interstate 85 southbound after the crash.

The cab of the truck was destroyed in the crash, which also caused a diesel fuel spill.

Truck driver, Rigo Vargas, said he was hauling the hams to Texas when he wrecked. He said he banged his head against the door when the rig flipped over, but wasn't seriously hurt.

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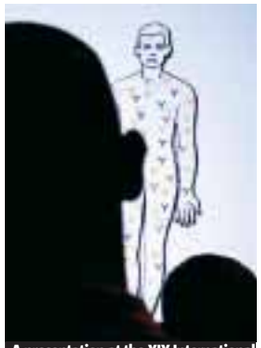
Epilepsy drug offers promise in AIDS fight

'Works beautifully' in human tissue. Scientists believe it could prevent HIV from attacking the immune system

Can an experimental drug developed to treat epilepsy block the AIDS virus? A preliminary lab study suggests it's possible, and researchers are eager to try it in people.

Scientists experimented with the drug after uncovering details of how they believe HIV cripples the immune system to bring on AIDS.

When tested in human tissues in the laboratory, the drug "works beautifully" to prevent HIV from destroying key cells of the immune system, said Dr. Warner Greene of the Gladstone Institutes in San Francisco. Those results appear in a paper by Greene and others published Thursday on Nature.



A presentation at the XIX International AIDS Conference in Washington in July. CAROLYN KESTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Researchers have long known HIV infects some vital CD4 cells in the immune system and turns them into virus-producing factories, killing them in the process.

The epilepsy drug, which is not on the market, blocks an enzyme that the research identified as playing a key role in that immune system attack.

Prior studies of the drug in people show it is safe, Greene said. So the researchers are talking to the drug company about testing it in people infected with HIV. No timeline for such studies has been set, he said.

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Love between a rock and a hard place

A couple shares a tender moment in front of a poster of jailed Ukrainian former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko during a rally in Kyiv, Ukraine, on Thursday. Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych has been facing massive protests over his decision to spike a pact with the EU in favour of Russia. A $15-billion bailout from Moscow, says Russian President Vladimir Putin, was aimed at helping a partner in difficulties. DMITRY LOVETSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Saint Mary's needs code of conduct: Panel

Frosh-chant fallout.
Report stresses importance of changing norms that gave rise to sex-assault-promoting behaviour at university

Wayne MacKay, head of a panel formed after a frosh-week chant that glorified sexual assault, released his report on Thursday.
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A panel launched in the aftermath of a frosh-week chant that glorified the sexual assault of young girls delivered a report Thursday calling on Saint Mary's University to develop a school-wide code of conduct.

The report makes 20 recommendations aimed at fostering a cultural change at the Halifax school to prevent sexual violence and encourage respectful behaviour.

It says the chant at Saint Mary's University, along with a similar one sung during an orientation week event at the University of British Columbia, highlighted broad societal challenges that need to be addressed rather than issues specific to youth culture.

"Hypersexualized songs, photos, movies and advertisements are omnipresent. Alcohol and drug problems abound — even among public figures that are supposed to be role models," says the 110-page report.

"The Internet and social media are forces for good but also have a much darker side like easy access to pornography, cyberbullying and the deterioration of people's capacity to form meaningful 'in-person' relationships."

Wayne MacKay, a law professor at Dalhousie University, was appointed to lead the panel that consulted with students, faculty members and alumni about ways to avoid similar incidents in the future.

MacKay said the code of conduct should establish clear standards of behavioural norms that would apply to all members of the university community and there should be consequences for people who breach it.

He said Saint Mary's University should also invest in education programs to teach students about healthy sexuality and the importance of consent.

The university set up the panel after a video surfaced on Instagram showing student leaders singing a chant about underage, non-consensual sex to about 400 new students at an event during orientation week in September.

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Unhealthy allegations

Pamela Mattock Porter leaves court after her request to have her bail conditions changed so she can spend the winter in Florida were denied Thursday in Montreal. Porter is charged along with her husband, Arthur Porter, the former chief executive officer of the McGill University Health Centre of laundering $22.5 million that is alleged to have been paid in bribes by former SNC-Lavalin executives to secure the $1.3-billion super-hospital construction contract. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

China

Cartoon spurred violence: Court

State media say a Chinese court has ruled the producer of a hit kids cartoon is partly to blame for the injuries suffered by two children when their friend tied them to a tree and set them on fire in an imitation of a scene from the show. Xinhua News Agency says two young brothers were badly burned in April by the actions of their 10-year-old friend.
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Pennsylvania

Defrocked pastor plans to fight anti-gay doctrine

A United Methodist Church pastor defrocked for officiating the gay wedding of his son says he intends to appeal the church officials' decision. Frank Schaefer says he will continue to fight to eradicate discriminatory language in church doctrine. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Faux no to faux yes: Vegan leather, fake fur so hot right now

Faux is the new black. Pleasantly surprise the fashion plate on your gift list with something fake

Finding a knockoff version of the fur you want under the Christmas tree would ordinarily be a disappointment.

Not this year.

Faux is the new black this season for holiday gifts. But this isn't the "pleather" of the 1980s — that cheap, plastic-looking material made popular by Michael Jackson during his Thriller days.

A $198 fuzzy brown coat at Banana Republic has a prominently placed tag that reads "faux fur."

Dresses with "vegan leather" accents are flying off virtual shelves at shopbop.com. And at luxury retailer Barney's, a Marni faux leather three-quarter sleeve jacket sells for $1,900.

Faux is gaining popularity in part because there have been advances in technology enabling designers to make better-looking fakes. In a still-shaky economy that has made Americans more frugal, faux also can be seen as a good way to be trendy without breaking the bank. And a movement toward socially conscious shopping makes some people feel better about faux purchases.

Banana Republic's Fair Isle faux-fur neck warmer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It helps that some A-listers have given faux their seal of approval. Models have been seen on the runway wearing faux leather pieces in shows for big-name designers like Tom Ford and Rag & Bone. And actresses Anne Hathaway and Kate Hudson have strutted on the red carpet in faux leather and fur.

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$6B proposal. Panel gives OK to Northern Gateway pipeline, with conditions

A review panel is recommending that the proposed Northern Gateway pipeline that would connect the Alberta oilsands to tankers on the B.C. coast go ahead.

But the panel has attached 209 conditions to the project.

The final decision rests with the federal government, which has roughly six months to respond to the report.

The controversial $6-billion proposal has pitted Calgary-based Enbridge against environmental groups and several First Nations.

They have raised concerns about the possibility of an oil spill on land or off the coast of British Columbia.

Supporters say the line is critical if Alberta is to get its oil to emerging markets in Asia. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Danny Nunes holds a sign in support of the Enbridge Northern Gateway Project outside project hearings in Kitamaat Village, B.C., last year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Take a bow, Canada

American happy we'll no longer get home mail delivery

The announced demise of home mail delivery in Canada has prompted a celebratory reaction from one U.S. lawmaker, who longs to see his own country adopt a similar reform to end residential postal service.

A Republican congressman "applauded" the move. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market Minute

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The set of a microfilm near Beijing in October. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Microfilms give people of China a voice

People in China watch them in the subway, on buses, even as they walk down a sidewalk: Homegrown short films that are low-budget, intensely popular and accessible to anyone with a smartphone.

Microfilms, uploaded to Chinese YouTube-style and video-streaming sites, offer themes and subjects not shown in the country's strictly censored cinemas. And thanks to video-capturing smartphones and basic editing software available on laptops, anyone can be a director.

"The barrier for making a film has been brought so low it really has become a democratic means for expression," Chinese film critic Raymond Zhou said.

The genre of microfilms, usually less than 40 minutes long, has exploded in China over the past few years, stretching the boundaries of what can be shown, including pieces on gender and homosexuality. It is constrained by the self-censorship the government requires of the country's video-streaming sites, and it has not become overtly political. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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1 Twitter vending machines. Telus created a Twitter-enabled vending machine at the Pacific Centre Shopping Mall in Vancouver that rewards tweeting consumers with toy pandas as part of a partnership with the World Wildlife Fund. They're on to something, I hope. In the future, I'll be able to tweet a vending machine using a hashtag such as #bbqdoritos, and out that bag will come.

2 Instagram messaging. The social media photo site has introduced Instagram Direct, allowing you to message your buds photos and videos. Hmmm, isn't Snapchat for private messaging someone a photo or video? (Well, true, those disappear). My wish is to someday be tweeting a Instagram photo via direct message on Snapchat using Facebook. That will simplify everything.

3 Beyoncé's social media blitz. Forgoing traditional media channels, Beyoncé released her latest album with a simple "Surprise!" to her more than eight million Instagram followers — and the full album appeared for sale on iTunes. It hit a record for albums sold on the site. Goes to show (again) that sometimes the best marketing is no marketing. Of course, it helps if you're a pop-culture icon.

4 Arlene Dickinson. One of my fave stars of Dragons' Den has a new book out, All In, about balancing your personal and professional life when you're a entrepreneur. I fancy myself an entrepreneur, so I'll be reading it this Christmas morning when I receive it as a stocking stuffer from my wife. If she reads this.

5 Stuff on Scout's Head. Photos of pets on the Internet — particularly cats and dogs — do really, *really* well. The most famous is Grumpy Cat, discovered on news site Reddit. An up-and-coming contender perhaps is the Canadian version: Stuff on Scout's Head, which features a pit bull with stuff that his owner puts on his head — everything from a toque to a pie to a skateboard. I cannot explain the Internet.

6 Peterborough turkey. A picture of a turkey standing in a transit shelter next to a Canada Post box in Peterborough, Ont., went viral this week. The turkey had been stopping traffic recently on a major road. At least it's learning to take the bus now. So why else did this turkey pic catch on? "Turkeys — they are like kittens with beaks," one person tweeted.

7 Survivor brand. Tyson Apostol won the 27th edition of the TV show Survivor in a rather lacklustre season that ended with the lowest rating for a Survivor finale ever. With the iconic reality show slumping in ratings in recent years, it may be time to reinvent the brand. Add more villains. Or have only villains. The world loves watching villains on TV. Or just let all competitors use social media.

8 Carl McCoid. This guy from Yorkshire, England, keeps getting tattoos of Miley Cyrus. He now has 22 different ones of her. This guy is a human wrecking ball with Miley Cyrus all over him.

9 Sorry, we're great. A CNN post titled 10 Things Canada Does Better Than Anywhere Else got a lot of attention this week with its list that included apologizing, lake and cottage country, stand-in movie locations, humour and more. Sorry, but the only thing they missed is beer. We make (and drink) better beer than anyone, eh?

10 Scarlett Johansson and cheese. Under the headline Scarlett Johansson Has Weird Feelings About Cheese, on NY Magazine, the actress was quoted as saying: "I don't eat it, but I love it ... I like to smell cheese, I like to watch people enjoying it and I like to encourage people to eat cheeses I know taste really good. But I don't eat it anymore because my body just does better without it." Life doesn't get weirder or cheesier than that.

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Photo shoot goes swimmingly

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE/HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Museum has a few bones to pick

For most people, fish bones may be just an annoyance at dinnertime.

But a new exhibition at the Canadian Museum of Nature, in Ottawa, could give viewers a broader perspective.

X-rays of Arctic Fishes, opening Jan. 11, features images that show "the spectacular osteological architecture of fishes," such as this X-ray of a boa dragonfish (pictured), says museum ichthyologist (fish scientist) Noel Alfonso.

Fish are considered to have the most complex bone structures of all vertebrates. That makes osteology — the study of bones — more challenging with fish than with other animals possessing a spinal column.

As revealed in X-rays, the number of vertebrae can be used to differentiate one fish species from another, Alfonso said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Skin, bone and dinner

- An X-ray of a 14-centimetre-long boa dragonfish (not pictured), reveals a fish in its stomach. That makes this specimen a rare find, since "these things can often go for months without feeding," said Alfonso.

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If the dark mornings, cold evenings and slushy all-the-times have you taking your fitness routine inside, don't sweat it. Or rather do (but without the monotony of the exercise machine). From the makers of Guitar Hero, Goji Play is the latest 'gamercising' gimmick helping gamers get to the gym. Using two wireless controllers and a clip-on sensor, gym-goers can turn their treadmill into a gaming console while blasting away Christmas calories. As you ramp up the speed on the stepper, watch as your character gains power and speed — while keeping track of your sweaty stats (kilometres, calories, etc.). Here's a couple of games to get you started.

Fisticuffs:
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Shine Runner:
Cruise around the bayou in a fan boat picking up moonshine, snake oil and crawdads as ammo to keep you in the game.

Super Moto X:
Race through a city of the future while jumping over obstacles, avoiding slow zones and steering clear of the 5-0.

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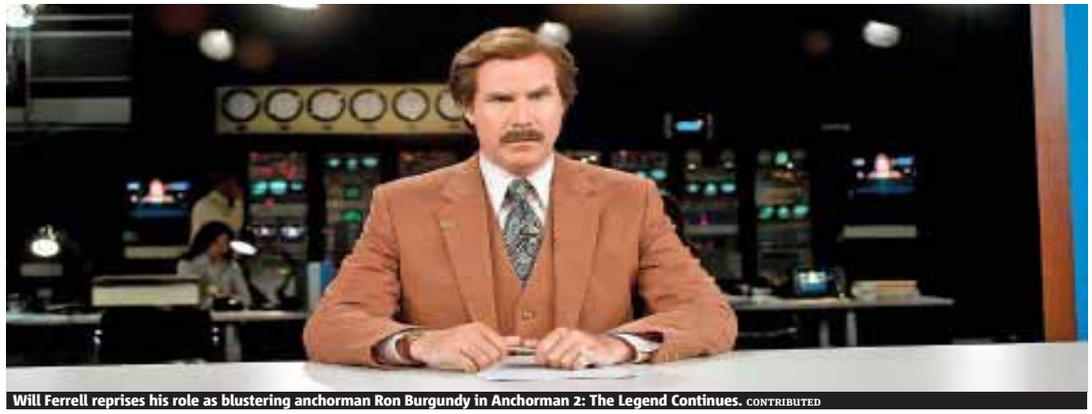
Synopsis

Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues opened this week bringing confident but thick news anchor Ron Burgundy (Will Ferrell) back to the big screen after a nine year absence. The first film made catchphrases like, "I love scotch. Scotchy, scotch, scotch," and the names Brick Tamland (Steve Carell), Brian Fantana (Paul Rudd) and Champion "Champ" Kind (David Koechner) household words. In celebration of the return of the team from San Diego's KVWN Channel 4 the Reel Guys have a look back at the career of funnyman Will Ferrell.



Will Ferrell reprises his role as blustering anchorman Ron Burgundy in Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues. CONTRIBUTED

Where there's a Will, there's a way to laugh

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Funnyman Ferrell. In honour of the return of Ron Burgundy, the Reel Guys review their favourite Ferrell flicks

Richard: Mark, I think Will Ferrell is one of the bravest comedic actors working today; someone willing to do anything for a laugh. Trouble is, I often don't laugh. Anchorman is laugh-out-loud funny. Ditto Elf and Old School, but sometimes I feel he has to rein the manic energy in, do half as much and maybe be twice as funny. Having said that, the Shark Week jokes in Step Brothers really make me giggle.

Mark: Richard, I share your ambivalence toward Ferrell. He's not my go-to guy for funny. Still, he's done some great work. My favourite Will Ferrell movies are two indie films he's starred in: Stranger Than Fiction and Everything Must Go. They're the equivalent of Jim Carrey's work in The Truman Show and Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind. Maybe not huge crowd pleasers, but they show the true breadth of his talent.

RC: I agree. I think Stranger Than Fiction is worth a rental. It's touching and funny, which for me is Ferrell's sweet spot. A Night at the Roxbury is a silly comedy but Ferrell's wide-eyed performance is the kind of thing I like from him. Outrageous, yes, but underneath the silly is a real guy. Sometimes I can't see the real guy underneath his characters and those are his movies that don't work for me. Except Zoolander. As fashion guru Mugatu he's so strange he dares you not to laugh at him.

MB: Yes, he's sometimes better in a supporting role in which his over-the-top zaniness doesn't sink the whole picture. Mugatu for sure, but also the mattress salesman in The Internship or Franz in The Producers. But generally, I find his man-child jock character wearying. Which is why, I think, Anchorman is such a successful movie. It's a Will Ferrell movie for people who don't care for Will Ferrell movies. Did you enjoy the sequel, Richard?

RC: I did. I think there is a lot of life left in Ron Burgundy. It's funny in an outrageous way. It's a bit too long, (and don't bother sitting through to the post credit scene unless you find the sight of Steve Carell eating cookies hilarious) but the buffoonery level is high in a season where serious drama seems to be the ticket.

In the last couple of weeks I have seen Ferrell, in character, sit in on some local newscasts and he fit right in. As long as there is media, egomaniac announcers and local news, there will be a place for Ron Burgundy.

MB: Yes, but let's not forget he's supported by a stellar cast of comic actors: Paul Rudd, Jim Carrey, Steve Carell, Vince Vaughn, Kristen Wiig. Even if Ferrell isn't your cup of tea, it's hard to believe this movie won't work.

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Oscar Isaac embraces new star status

'I knew I could play Llewyn.' Young up-and-comer earned his stripes in new Coen brothers flick

RICHARD CROUSE
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In the new Coen brothers film, Inside Llewyn Davis, Golden Globe nominee Oscar Isaac works opposite an all-star cast. From Justin Timberlake to Carey Mulligan and John Goodman, there's no shortage of star power on the marquee.

There was one co-star, however, he wasn't looking forward to working with. In fact, he described working with a red Mackerel cat named Ulysses as "daunting."

"I'm not afraid of cats," he says. "But a cat put me in the hospital once. It bit me. Ninety percent of cat bites are highly infectious. The next morning I woke up with a red line going up my arm. It had gotten into my lymphatic system. I had to go to the hospital and I was there for two days. That was six years ago.

"Then you cut to the Coens and they're like, 'We've got five cats and we're going to attach them to you and you're going to run as fast as you can.' It was daunting."

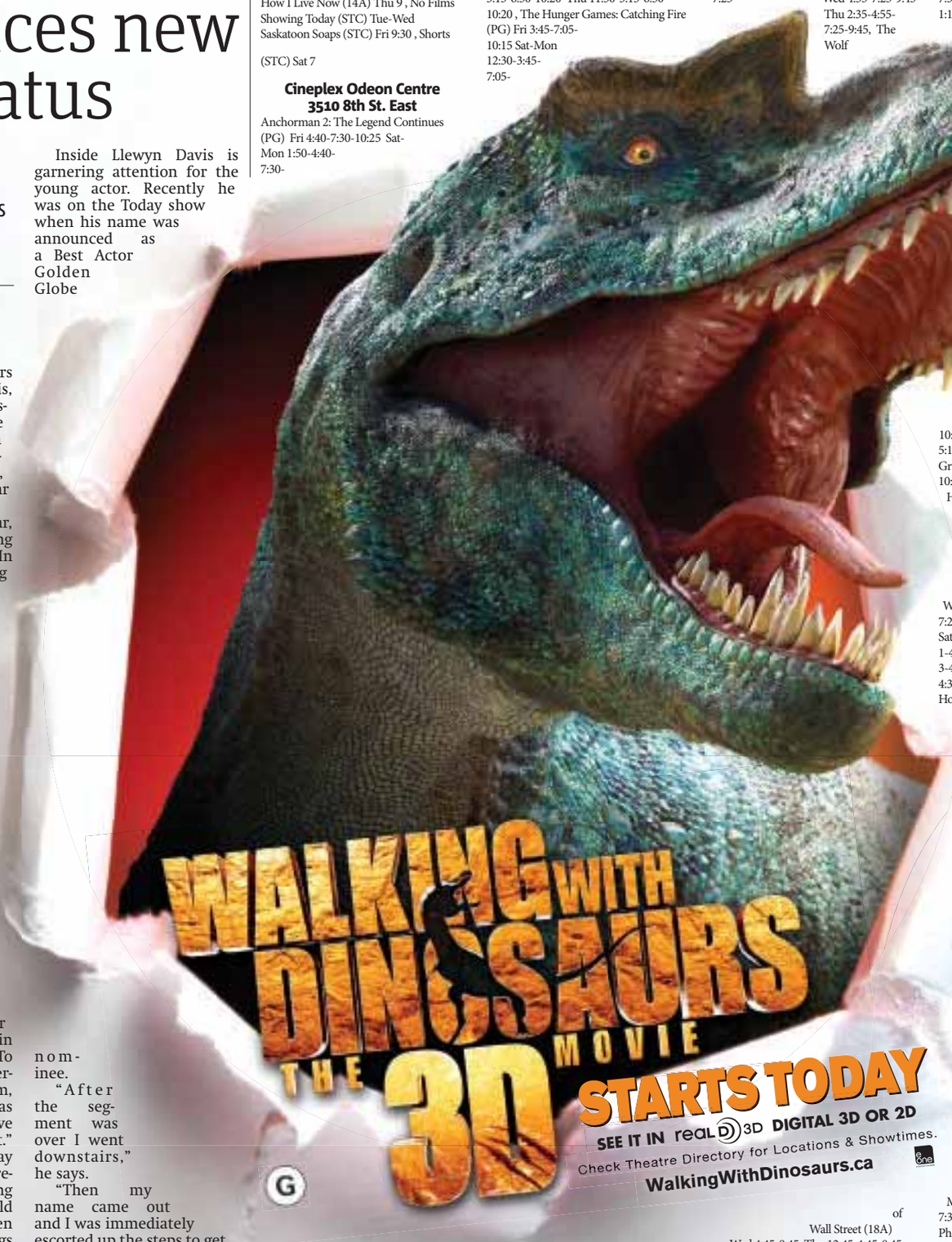
The 33-year-old actor plays a broody folk singer in 1961 Greenwich Village. To pull off the role he had to perform many songs live on film, an experience he describes as "so incredibly joyful I have no way of communicating it."

"I knew I could play Llewyn. I knew what was required, which was playing these amazing, beautiful, old folk songs that have been passed down. So the songs are great. I'm working with [executive music producer] T-Bone [Burnett] and he's going to tell me if I am sounding false and is building my confidence throughout and Joel and Ethan [Coen] are filming it so in a way, you'd have to try really hard to f— that up."

Inside Llewyn Davis is garnering attention for the young actor. Recently he was on the Today show when his name was announced as a Best Actor Golden Globe nominee.

"After the segment was over I went downstairs," he says.

"Then my name came out and I was immediately escorted up the steps to get back on, in front of the cameras to get a reaction before I even had a moment to possibly formulate what I would say about it. It's such a huge thing. I'm still trying to wrap my mind around the fact that I was even cast in this movie."



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Directors. Barry Cook, Neil Nightingale

Stars. Charlie Rowe, Karl Urban

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Biography Comedy

Saving Mr. Banks

Director. John Lee Hancock

Stars. Tom Hanks, Emma Thompson

The story of Walt Disney's (Tom Hanks) efforts to convince author P.L. Travers (Emma Thompson) to sell the rights to Mary Poppins is actually two stories folded into one. The first is a Hollywood tale, the second a psychological drama told in flashbacks about Travers's troubled father (Colin Farrell). Fine performances abound but this is Thompson's movie. Her portrayal of Travers is nuanced, split between the cantankerous woman she became with echoes of the innocent young girl she once was. **RICHARD CROUSE**

Crime/Drama

American Hustle

Director. David O. Russell

Stars. Christian Bale, Amy Adams, Bradley Cooper

American Hustle sees con artists Irving Rosenfeld (Christian Bale) and Sydney Prosser (Amy Adams) threatened with arrest unless they cooperate with ambitious FBI agent Richie DiMaso (Bradley Cooper). They help him run a complicated corruption investigation involving New Jersey mayor Carmen Polito (Jeremy Renner) but the sting gets out of control when the Mafia gets involved. Of the great ensemble cast Jennifer Lawrence really stands out in an entertainingly audacious movie.

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Simon Cowell.

Cowell not worried by Lovato's departure

Simon Cowell confirms that Demi Lovato will definitely not be coming back to The X Factor as a judge, and he insists it's not a shock to him in the slightest.

"I always knew she wasn't coming back because she's touring, so I knew that," he tells E! News.

As for her replacement? Sources say that "there haven't been any conversations about judges next year."

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The Word

Brad Pitt playing down his milestone birthday

While Brad Pitt has previously seemed at peace with turning 50 this week, his birthday plans — or lack thereof — suggest something else.

"He's not doing anything for it and he said he doesn't want any surprises," a source tells Us Weekly.

"He really doesn't want to talk about his birthday much."

Of course, work is keeping him pretty busy, as Pitt is currently filming his Second World War drama, Fury, in London while Angelina Jolie is in Australia working on Unbroken.

Pitt will reportedly join her there this weekend, though, so there will be some sort of celebration of his milestone birthday.

"Brad said he's going to celebrate his birthday this weekend in Australia," the source says. "That's going to be the only thing he does."

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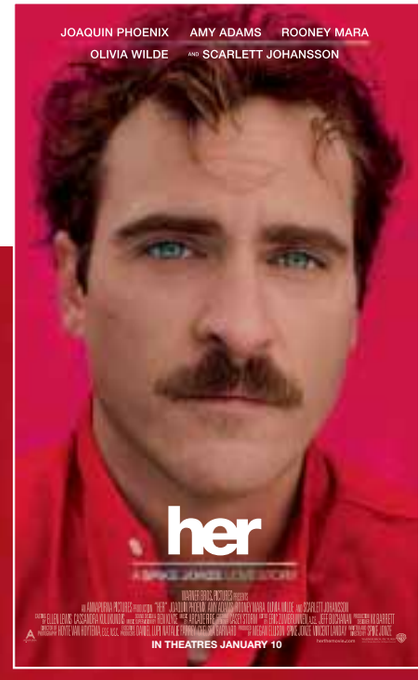

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MIKE YAWNEY
For Metro

While many smartphones take impressive photos, any photographer will tell you they have yet to match the quality of standalone cameras. Here are a few of the best devices to truly impress the shutterbug on your list

Nikon Df — $3,099.95
A modern camera in a retro-style body. While many cameras feature touchscreen controls and menus, the 16.2-megapixel Nikon Df brings back classic mechanical dials to change settings, creating a simple approach to photography. If you are feeling techie you can use the optional wireless adapter to browse the camera's memory card on your smartphone or tablet.

Sony Alpha 7 — $1,699.99 (body only)
The world's smallest and lightest interchangeable lens full-frame camera. This 24.3-megapixel camera is full of features, including lightning quick autofocus, a tillable three-inch OLED display, and the ability to record uncompressed 1080p HD video.

Panasonic Lumix DMC-ZS30 — $399.99
A lot of features at a relatively low price point. This compact camera has a 20X zoom, three-inch touchscreen along with GPS capabilities so you always know where you took your pictures. If you have an Android phone you can control your camera remotely via Wi-Fi or automatically upload your pictures to social media.

Canon PowerShot SX280 HS — $269.95
A point-and-shoot with modes for every photographer, Canon's Smart Auto mode recognizes 58 predefined shooting situations so pictures turn out in even the strangest lighting conditions. This compact camera also features a whopping 20X optical zoom, which is impressive despite its small size.

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Canon EOS 70D — $1,299.99
A full-feature DSLR with plenty of controls. Advanced users will love the in-depth options while beginners can take advantage of the simplistic basic mode. Those with a creative mind will love the Live View filter mode, which adds dream-like, miniature and colour filters in real time so you know what your photo will look like before you snap the shutter.

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The ultimate camera for the adventurer in your life. This 14-megapixel camera is crushproof, shockproof and waterproof. What really sets this camera apart is the digital microscope mode, which allows for magnified pictures of the smallest subjects — from insects to veins on leaves.

Bonzart Ampel — $180
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Bigshot DIY Digital Camera — $89
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Bottega Veneta Pour Homme features a fresh, spicy fragrance that blends bergamot, pimento, balsam and patchouli. $80 at Holt Renfrew.

Boucheron pour Homme offers a crisp, citrus and wood scent of green basil, ylang-ylang, vetiver and sandalwood. $125 at Hudson's Bay.

Clean White Woods has a modern, clean, soapy, yet warm, woody fragrance she can wear, too. From $39 at Sephora.

Givenchy Gentlemen Only features an elegant, fresh, yet sensual blend of citrus, spice, woods and incense. From $67 at Hudson's Bay and Sephora.

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L'Occitane En Provence Cèdre & Oranger offers a cool, zesty scent of citrus, cedar, musk and cedarwood. $75 at L'Occitane boutiques and loccitane.ca

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Recipe. Gingerbread Pie

Gingerbread is an iconic holiday treat enjoyed all over the world. So why not update this favourite tradition with a beautiful gingerbread pie? Ingredients like molasses, brown sugar and nutmeg deliver festive flavours in every bite, and cute pastry gingerbread men add a whimsical and stylish final touch.

Gingerbread Pie. NEWS CANADA

Ingredients:

- 2 Tenderflake frozen deep dish pie shells, defrosted
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- ¾ cup (150 ml) unsalted butter
- ¾ cup (150 ml) brown sugar
- ¾ cup (150 ml) whipping cream
- ¼ cup (60 ml) molasses
- 3 egg yolks
- ¼ cup (60 ml) cornstarch
- 1 tsp (5 ml) ginger
- ¼ tsp (1 ml) nutmeg
- ¼ tsp (1 ml) cloves
- ½ tsp (2 ml) salt
- 1¼ cup (300 ml) milk
- ½ cup (125 ml) whipped topping
- White icing

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 F (190 C).
2. Bake one pie shell according to package directions. Remove the second pie shell from the foil pan and place on a lightly floured work surface. Using a two-inch (five-centimetre) gingerbread man-shaped cookie cutter, cut eight to 10 pieces and place on a parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Brush lightly with egg and bake for 10 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from the oven and cool.
3. Heat butter and brown sugar in a small saucepan over medium heat, stirring occasionally until bubbly. Whisk in cream and molasses and stir until it begins to simmer.
4. Whisk together egg yolks, cornstarch, spices and salt in a small bowl. Slowly add a small amount of the hot mixture into the egg mixture, stirring constantly. Add the egg mixture back into the hot cream mixture and continue to stir over medium heat until thickened and just starting to boil.
5. Pour the filling into the baked pie shell. Cover the surface with plastic wrap directly on the filling and chill until set, at least four hours.
6. Decorate the gingerbread man pastry shapes with icing. Arrange shapes on top with whipped topping just before serving.

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Liquid Assets

Holiday cheer sipper

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Last week was all about white wines for your holiday meal, so it's only right I suggest the right reds.

If you're convinced that only whites go with white meats, get over yourself. Reds can be an excellent match with poultry, especially when it's served old-school with plenty of savoury fixings and vegetal accompaniment.

He may not look it, but Tom turkey doesn't carry a lot of fat, which means you're going to want to avoid any red that is tannin heavy. Tannins love fat, so your bird will get lambasted if it meets a big-boned red like a New World Cabernet Sauvignon or a hip, Italian Aglianico (choose them if you're doing roast beef).

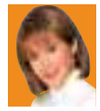
Take the bright and fruity path. Think California Zinfandel, New Zealand Pinot Noir, a French Beaujolais Cru or, my favourite, an Italian made with the Barbera grape.

From Piemonte, Bersano's 2011 Costalunga Barbera d'Asti ($11.95 - $14.99) is a glass full of strawberry, cherry, light earth and subtle spice that makes merry with turkey and all its eclectic Christmas plate mates.

Happy holidays! **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

A dash of sweet steals the Christmas spotlight

Roasted Chicken With Asian Glaze and Fruit Sauce. Tired of the same old turkey year after year? Be brave and try something new



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This is a holiday entrée with a delicious fruit sauce instead of traditional gravy. You can use this over any poultry such as Cornish hen or even turkey. If you're using turkey, multiply the glaze and sauce by three.

1. Preheat oven to 400 F. Place chicken in roasting pan.

Ingredients

- 1 whole chicken

Glaze

- 1 tsp crushed garlic
- 1 tsp minced ginger root (or 1/4 tsp ground ginger)
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup sweet dessert wine (plum wine, Mirin or sweet Sake)
- Pinch chili flakes
- 1 tbsp margarine, melted
- Pinch dried coriander and/or cumin
- Salt and pepper
- 1/2 cup chicken stock

Sauce

- 1 tbsp cornstarch
- 1/2 cup chicken stock
- 1/4 cup chopped dates
- 1/4 cup chopped dried apricots

This recipe serves four. MARK SHAPIRO, FROM ROSE REISMAN BRINGS HOME LIGHT COOKING (MCM BOOKS)

2. Glaze: In bowl, mix garlic, ginger, honey, wine, chili flakes, margarine, coriander, salt and pepper to taste and stock; set half aside for sauce. Brush some of the remaining mixture over chicken. Bake for 60 minutes or until meat thermometer registers 160 F, basting with more honey mixture every 15 minutes.

3. Cut chicken into 4 quarters; place on serving dish and keep warm.

4. Sauce: Pour reserved honey mixture into small saucepan; stir in cornstarch, mixing well. Add chicken stock along with dates and apricots; cook over medium heat, stirring, for 2 minutes or until thickened. Pour over chicken. Remove skin before eating. **ROSE REISMAN BRINGS HOME LIGHT COOKING (MCM BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN**

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ANIMAL SERVICES

Flames' road trip goes through Motown

The Red Wings' Brian Lashoff, left, and the Flames' Lee Stempniak chase a loose puck on Thursday night in Detroit. The Flames, who had lost their last two prior to travelling to Detroit, are in the midst of a five-game road trip that will conclude on Saturday in Pittsburgh against the Penguins. For the result from Thursday's game, go to metronews.ca. DUANE BURLESON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ottawa makes its CFL comeback, again

Third time's a charm?
The Ottawa Rough Riders made a splash in 1876, followed by the Renegades in 2002

Quoted

"They love their football and it's been missing for a while and hopefully the atmosphere comes back."

Korey Banks, B.C. Lions defensive back, who was acquired by the Ottawa Renegades in 2004.

Kerry Joseph remembers the game like it was yesterday.

Down 33-10 entering the fourth quarter to the Montreal Alouettes on Canada Day in 2005, the third-year quarterback rallied the Ottawa Renegades to an improbable 39-36 overtime victory at Frank Clair Stadium.

"That one definitely is a good visual in my mind," Joseph said recently.

It would be one of the only highlights in the Renegades' brief four-season existence.

Like the Rough Riders before them, the league's second foray into the nation's capital sputtered due to front-office mismanagement, poor performances on the field and a disillusioned fan base.

The Renegades ceased operations before the 2006 campaign, but a few remnants of the club remain scattered throughout the league with the CFL's third attempt in Ottawa — this time as the expansion Redblacks — set to begin play in 2014.

"I had a feeling it would come back, No. 1 because it's the capital of Canada," said Joseph, who spent the last four seasons primarily as a backup with the Edmonton Eskimos. "How could you not want to have a football franchise in that city? I felt the opportunity was going to present itself again."

When reflecting on why the Renegades went under, Joseph pointed to a major disconnect between ownership, management and coaches.

"The communication from the top down, the structure, wasn't there," he said. "If you look at any type of business or any type of enterprise, if it's not structured properly eventually things are going to crumble and that's unfortunately what took place."

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Coyotes Rostislav Klesla and Mike Smith try to clear Leafs forward David Clarkson from the front of the Phoenix net on Thursday night at Air Canada Centre. Toronto won 2-1 in a shootout. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

NHL. Leafs get Wily win against Coyotes

Relief came in the form of James Reimer lifting his arms after making a shootout save on Antonie Vermette.

By beating the Phoenix Coyotes 2-1 in a shootout at Air Canada Centre on Thursday night, the Toronto Maple Leafs shook off the gloom and doom of recent struggles.

"It hasn't been a good feeling around here the past couple days," said winger Joffrey Lupul, who scored the shootout winner. "It's funny how even with an ugly, grind-it-out win like that, you come to the rink tomorrow feeling a lot better about yourselves."

For the Leafs (18-16-3), it was a victory to savour for stronger play in regulation and the elimination of the kind of mistakes that led to 10 losses in their previous 13 games.

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NBA

Bryant hit by injury bug again

Kobe Bryant is expected to miss about six weeks with an injured left knee, dealing the second major injury setback of the year to the Los Angeles Lakers' superstar guard.

An MRI exam on Thursday revealed Bryant has a fracture in his lateral tibial plateau — the top of his shinbone near his knee.

Bryant made his season debut with the Lakers Dec. 8 after nearly eight months away while recovering from a torn Achilles tendon. He apparently was hurt again Tuesday night in Memphis while playing his fourth game in five nights.

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CFL

Stubler takes reins of Calgary defence

The Calgary Stampeders hired veteran Rich Stubler as their new defensive co-ordinator Thursday.

Stubler replaces Rick Campbell, who left to become the head coach of the expansion Ottawa Redblacks.

Stubler, 64, spent the last two seasons as the B.C. Lions defensive co-ordinator. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL

Bombers extend all-star Turner

All-star defensive tackle Bryant Turner says it was a no-brainer for him to sign an extension with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers through 2016.

Turner said Thursday there may be some morale building next season for a team that finished 3-15 in 2013, but he believes the Bombers have players who are committed to winning and the city has the best football fans in the world.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
A clash of opposing viewpoints is likely at work today. Because you need to get along with both sides, you must stay neutral. The best approach is to treat it all as a bit of a joke.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
If you find yourself up against a tough opponent today, you should back off and live to fight another day. The planets warn this is a battle you cannot win. The only sensible course is to withdraw, for now.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You don't have to be nice to people because you want to spare their feelings. If there is something that needs to be said, give it to them straight.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You would be wise to be on your guard over the next 24 hours as the planets warn someone you work or do business with is being more than a little deceitful. Don't judge others by what they say, judge them by what they do.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
A moment's hesitation could cause you grief — at the very least you will kick yourself for not trusting your instincts. Don't listen to those who say you should be cautious. It may be good advice for them but it's not right for you.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Check facts today, especially those that a colleague says are OK and you don't have to worry about. If you give them the green light to proceed now, you may regret it later.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may be tempted to do something drastic today but the planets warn the results are as likely to be negative as positive. Why not just wait a while and let the current situation work itself out?

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Be careful what you say. You could easily go over the top and let slip something that causes trouble. It might also cost you financially if others get the impression that you can't hold your tongue.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You appear to be having second thoughts about a plan that previously you thought was the key to success. Maybe you are right to hesitate but you are going to have to make a choice and stick with it.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
It would appear that in your haste to get ahead, you have overlooked some small but important detail. Identify your mistake, correct it, move on.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
A minor dispute could easily get out of hand today, especially if you insist that you are in the right and everyone else is wrong. You're not the only one who is stubborn, so a standoff is likely.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
State your case today but don't get upset if others disagree and try to pick holes in your arguments. The world is a big enough place for all shades of opinion, so agree to disagree.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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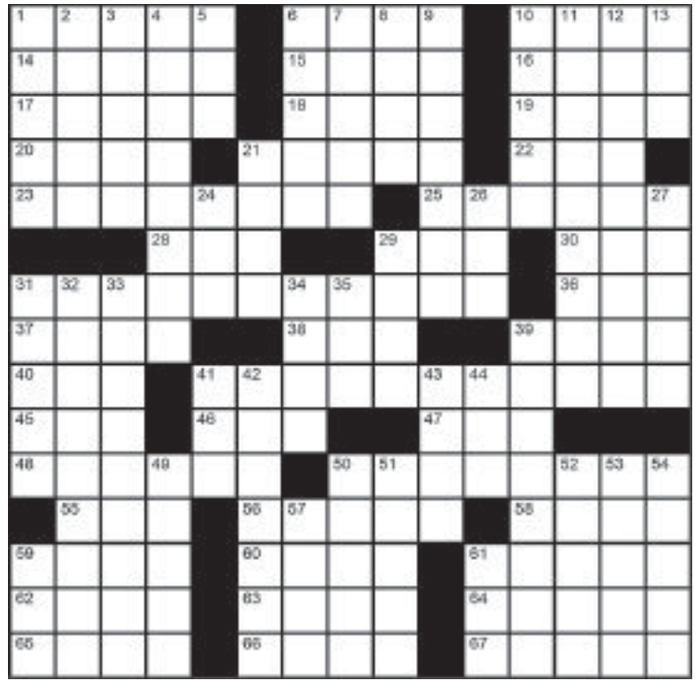


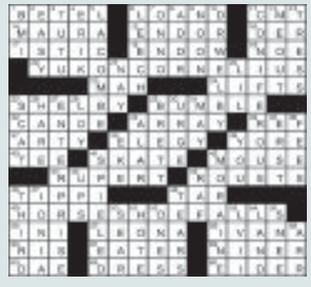
Across

1. December 21st, 1913: Invented by Arthur __ of the New York World, the greatest game at #12-Down
6. Season
10. Inscribe
14. Grease again
15. Woodwind
16. Q. "Is '__.' _ way to abbreviate any coming-in plane?" A. "Yes."
17. Nets
18. Volcanic flow
19. London lockup
20. Weapon: French
21. More kind
22. Mr. Asner's
23. Bag type
25. Legal scholar
28. Cousin __
29. Masc. opposite
30. Defunct airline
31. Canadian journalist on FOX News who was a MuchMusic host: 2 wds.
36. Particle
37. Ancient war god
38. Granny: German
39. Rope
40. Anderson Cooper's station
41. Will Ferrell's 'Anchorman': 2 wds.
45. Ms. Carpenter, for short
46. Alias, e.g.
47. Nice one?
48. Hockey's Conn __ Trophy
50. 1924... Simon & __: Publishers of the first book of #12-Downs (Trivia! Richard L. Simon is the father of the singer/songwriter at #9-Down)
55. Christmas __
56. Archaic anesthetic
58. 'Slithy' Lewis Carroll creature
59. Cuckoos
60. Young farm animal
61. Fine cottons
62. Going __ (Arguing): 2 wds.
63. Turkey, chicken, etc.
64. Fragrance
65. Unchanged: 2 wds.
66. Building extensions
67. "You're still the one _ ___ good night..." (Shania Twain line)

Down

1. __ havoc
2. Long for
3. Montreal-born actress Ms. Shearer (b.1902 - d.1983)
4. What a bowling ball could knock over: 2 wds.
5. Chicago trains
6. __ acid (Romaine lettuce stuff)
7. Surprised, taken __
8. Zero, in tennis
9. Bit of Carly Simon's "You're So Vain": "Then you flew your __ __ up to Nova Scotia..."
10. Gung-ho
11. Custom
12. Puzzle celebrating its 100th Anniversary!
13. Mr. Holbrook
21. International†org.
24. Gibraltar, e.g.
26. Hmms...
27. Actress Jessica
29. Herr's wife
31. Mr. Black's
32. Christmas Tree decorations
33. English king: name + Roman Numeral
34. __ fide
35. Diplomatic bldg.
39. Pool table prop: 2 wds.
41. Hurray!
42. American painter Georgia
43. Industrial region of Germany
44. Wildebeest
49. Quizzes
50. Wrap
51. Lockups
52. Moviedom's Marisa
53. Linda of "Dynasty"
54. Respites
57. Hammer
59. US driving org.
61. 23rd Greek letter

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	3		6		7	1	5	
				9				7
5						9		6
	2		5			8	3	
				1				
	9	4			8		1	
4		7						3
9			2					
	5	2	9		3		6	

Yesteday's Sudoku

7	3	8	2	4	5	9	6	1
4	5	6	8	9	1	7	3	2
2	1	9	3	7	6	4	8	5
9	8	3	1	5	4	6	2	7
5	2	4	6	3	7	1	9	8
1	6	7	9	2	8	5	4	3
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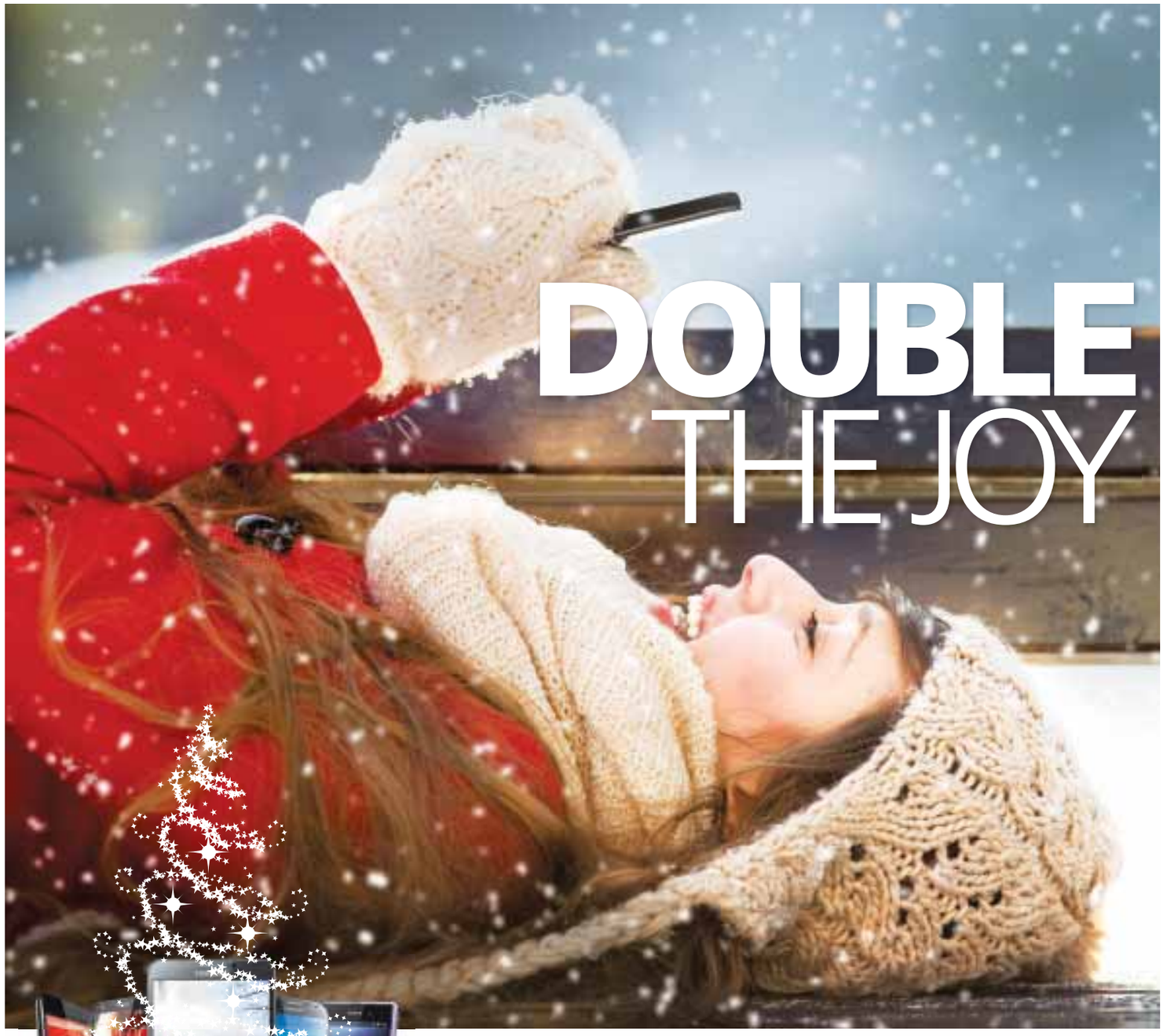

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